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## **SYILX OKANAGAN NATION STATEMENT ON OSTRICH CULLING**

**SYILX OKANAGAN NATION TERRITORY:** Chiefs of the Syilx Okanagan Nation are aware of the recent developments regarding the proposed ostrich cull at Universal Ostrich Farms Inc., in Syilx Okanagan Nation Territory, including the interim stay issued by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Nation does not take a position on the ostrich cull itself. As Syilx people, our collective mandate remains to uphold our responsibilities to the land, waters, and the native species that belong to our territory. This responsibility is grounded in our Syilx laws and declarations, which affirm our inherent role as caretakers of tmix<sup>w</sup>—the life force and all living beings within our homelands.

The Syilx Okanagan Nation continues to uphold this responsibility through the guidance of our Chiefs Executive Council (CEC).

We emphasize that our focus is on the health and protection of native species in Syilx Okanagan territory.

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